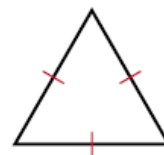


**Attendance Problems.**

1. Find each angle measure.

**True or False. Explain your choice.**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Every equilateral triangle is isosceles.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Every isosceles triangle is equilateral.



- I can prove theorems about isosceles and equilateral triangles.
- I can apply properties of isosceles and equilateral triangles.

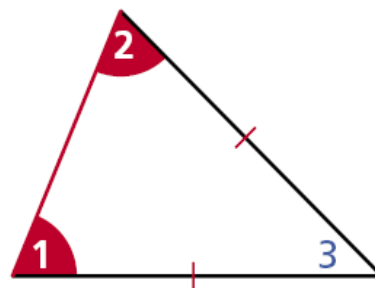
Vocabulary	
vertex angle	base
legs of an isosceles triangle	base angles

**Common Core: CC.9-12.G.CO.10** Prove theorems about triangles.

Recall that an isosceles triangle has at least two congruent sides. The congruent sides are called the **legs**. The **vertex angle** is the angle formed by the legs. The side opposite the vertex angle is called the **base**, and the **base angles** are the two angles that have the base as a side.

$\angle 3$  is the vertex angle.

$\angle 1$  and  $\angle 2$  are the base angles.



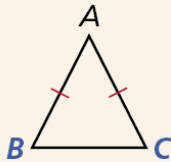
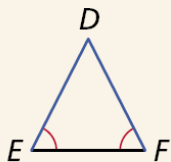
**Q:** What did the frowning student say to his teacher?

**A:** "I've got more problems than a math book."

"The urge to destroy is also a creative urge." -- Bakunin

## Theorems

Isosceles Triangle

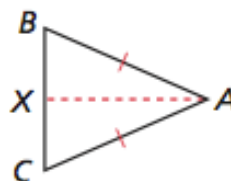
THEOREM	HYPOTHESIS	CONCLUSION
<b>4-8-1 Isosceles Triangle Theorem</b> If two sides of a triangle are congruent, then the angles opposite the sides are congruent.		$\angle B \cong \angle C$
<b>4-8-2 Converse of Isosceles Triangle Theorem</b> If two angles of a triangle are congruent, then the sides opposite those angles are congruent.		$\overline{DE} \cong \overline{DF}$

### Isosceles Triangle Theorem

Given:  $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$

Prove:  $\angle B \cong \angle C$

Proof:



Statements	Reasons
1. Draw X, the mdpt. of $\overline{BC}$ .	1. Every seg. has a unique mdpt.
2. Draw the auxiliary line $\overline{AX}$ .	2. Through two pts. there is exactly one line.
3. $\overline{BX} \cong \overline{CX}$	3. Def. of mdpt.
4. $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$	4. Given
5. $\overline{AX} \cong \overline{AX}$	5. Reflex. Prop. of $\cong$
6. $\triangle ABX \cong \triangle ACX$	6. SSS Steps 3, 4, 5
7. $\angle B \cong \angle C$	7. CPCTC

## Reading Math

The Isosceles Triangle Theorem is sometimes stated as “Base angles of an isosceles triangle are congruent.”

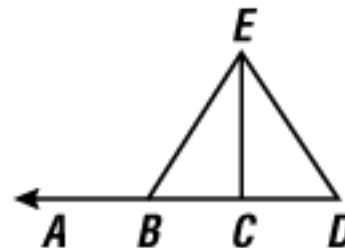
### Video Example 1.

$C$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{BD}$ .

**Given:**  $m\angle ABE = 105^\circ$

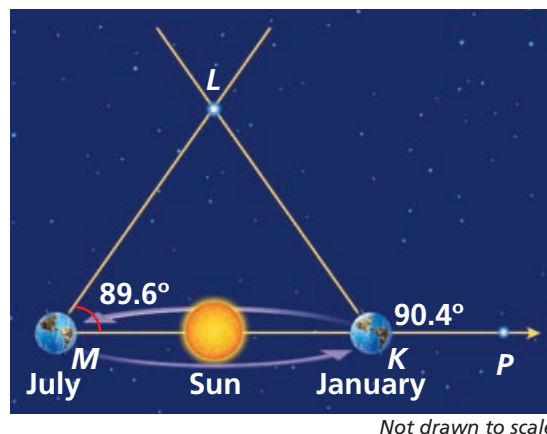
$m\angle CDE = 75^\circ$

Explain why  $BE = ED$ .



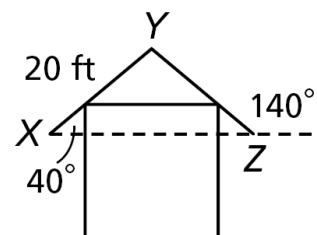
### **1 Astronomy Application**

The distance from Earth to nearby stars can be measured using the parallax method, which requires observing the positions of a star 6 months apart. If the distance  $LM$  to a star in July is  $4.0 \times 10^{13}$  km, explain why the distance  $LK$  to the star in January is the same. (Assume the distance from Earth to the Sun does not change.)



$m\angle LKM = 180 - 90.4$ , so  $m\angle LKM = 89.6^\circ$ . Since  $\angle LKM \cong \angle M$ ,  $\triangle LMK$  is isosceles by the Converse of the Isosceles Triangle Theorem. Thus  $LK = LM = 4.0 \times 10^{13}$  km.

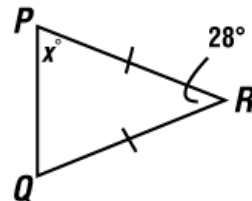
**Example 1.** The length of  $YX$  is 20 feet. Explain why the length of  $YZ$  is the same.



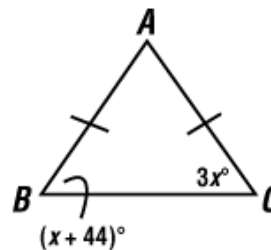
**4. Guided Practice.** If the distance from Earth to a star in September is  $4.2 \times 10^{13}$  km, what is the distance from Earth to the star in March? Explain your answer.

**Video Example 2.**

A. Find  $m\angle Q$ .



B. Find  $m\angle C$ .



## 2 Finding the Measure of an Angle

Find each angle measure.

**A**  $m\angle C$

$$m\angle C = m\angle B = x^\circ$$

$$m\angle C + m\angle B + m\angle A = 180$$

$$x + x + 38 = 180$$

$$2x = 142$$

$$x = 71$$

$$\text{Thus } m\angle C = 71^\circ.$$

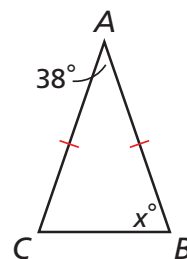
*Isosc.  $\triangle$  Thm.*

*$\triangle$  Sum Thm.*

*Substitute the given values.*

*Simplify and subtract 38 from both sides.*

*Divide both sides by 2.*



**B**  $m\angle S$

$$m\angle S = m\angle R$$

$$2x^\circ = (x + 30)^\circ$$

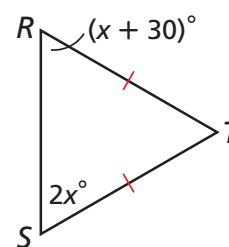
$$x = 30$$

$$\text{Thus } m\angle S = 2x^\circ = 2(30) = 60^\circ.$$

*Isosc.  $\triangle$  Thm.*

*Substitute the given values.*

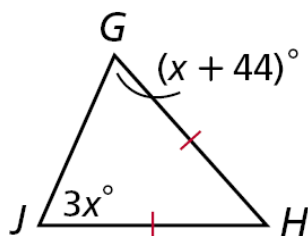
*Subtract x from both sides.*



### Example 2.

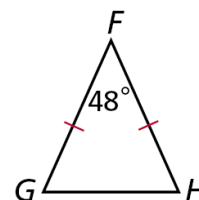
A. Find  $m\angle F$ .

B. Find  $m\angle G$ .

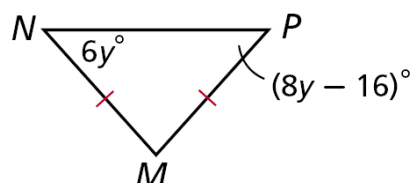


**Guided Practice.**

5. Find  $m\angle H$ .



6. Find  $m\angle N$ .



The following corollary and its converse show the connection between equilateral triangles and equiangular triangles.

**Corollary 4-8-3 Equilateral Triangle**

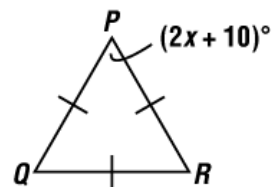
COROLLARY	HYPOTHESIS	CONCLUSION
If a triangle is equilateral, then it is equiangular. (equilateral $\triangle \rightarrow$ equiangular $\triangle$ )		$\angle A \cong \angle B \cong \angle C$

**Corollary 4-8-4 Equiangular Triangle**

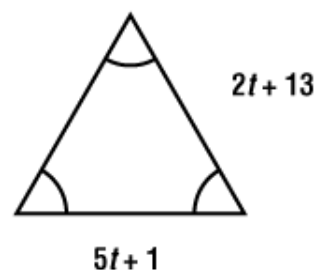
COROLLARY	HYPOTHESIS	CONCLUSION
If a triangle is equiangular, then it is equilateral. (equiangular $\triangle \rightarrow$ equilateral $\triangle$ )		$\overline{DE} \cong \overline{DF} \cong \overline{EF}$

### Video Example 3.

A. Find the value of  $x$ .



B. Find the value of  $t$ .



## 3 Using Properties of Equilateral Triangles

Find each value.

**A**  $x$

$\triangle ABC$  is equiangular.

$$(3x + 15)^\circ = 60^\circ$$

$$3x = 45$$

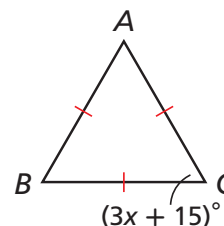
$$x = 15$$

*Equilateral  $\triangle \rightarrow$  equiangular  $\triangle$*

*The measure of each  $\angle$  of an equiangular  $\triangle$  is  $60^\circ$ .*

*Subtract 15 from both sides.*

*Divide both sides by 3.*



**B**  $t$

$\triangle JKL$  is equilateral.

$$4t - 8 = 2t + 1$$

$$2t = 9$$

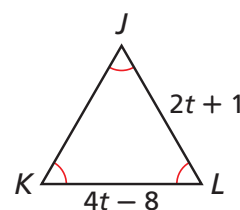
$$t = 4.5$$

*Equiangular  $\triangle \rightarrow$  equilateral  $\triangle$*

*Def. of equilateral  $\triangle$*

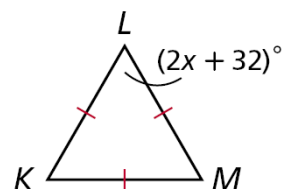
*Subtract  $2t$  and add 8 to both sides.*

*Divide both sides by 2.*

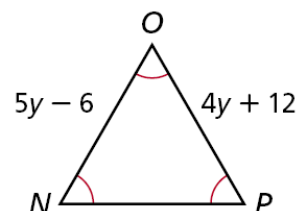


**Example 3.**

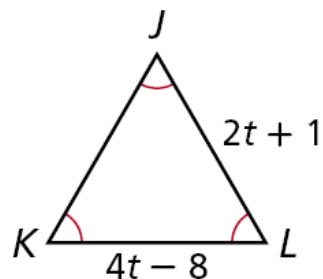
A. Find the value of  $x$ .



B. Find the value of  $y$ .



7. **Guided Practice.** Find the value of JL.



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**Remember!**

A coordinate proof may be easier if you place one side of the triangle along the x-axis and locate a vertex at the origin or on the y-axis.



### Video Example 4.

$\triangle ABC$  is right isosceles.

**Given:**  $D$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{AC}$ .

$$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{BC}$$

**Prove:**  $\triangle BDC$  is isosceles.

## **4** Using Coordinate Proof

Prove that the triangle whose vertices are the midpoints of the sides of an isosceles triangle is also isosceles.

**Given:**  $\triangle ABC$  is isosceles.  $X$  is the mdpt. of  $\overline{AB}$ .  
 $Y$  is the mdpt. of  $\overline{AC}$ .  $Z$  is the mdpt. of  $\overline{BC}$ .

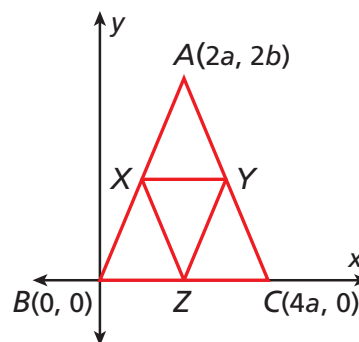
**Prove:**  $\triangle XYZ$  is isosceles.

**Proof:**

Draw a diagram and place the coordinates of  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle XYZ$  as shown.  
 By the Midpoint Formula, the coordinates of  $X$  are  $\left(\frac{2a+0}{2}, \frac{2b+0}{2}\right) = (a, b)$ ,  
 the coordinates of  $Y$  are  $\left(\frac{2a+4a}{2}, \frac{2b+0}{2}\right) = (3a, b)$ , and the coordinates of  $Z$   
 are  $\left(\frac{4a+0}{2}, \frac{0+0}{2}\right) = (2a, 0)$ .

By the Distance Formula,  $XZ = \sqrt{(2a-a)^2 + (0-b)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ , and  
 $YZ = \sqrt{(2a-3a)^2 + (0-b)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .

Since  $XZ = YZ$ ,  $\overline{XZ} \cong \overline{YZ}$  by definition. So  $\triangle XYZ$  is isosceles.



**Example 4.**

Isosceles  $\triangle ABC$

**Given:**  $X$  is the midpoint of  $\overline{AB}$

$Y$  is the midpoint  $\overline{AC}$

**Prove:**  $XY = \frac{1}{2}BC$

- 8. Guided Practice.** The coordinates of isosceles  $\triangle ABC$  are  $A(0, 2b)$ ,  $B(-2a, 0)$ , and  $C(2a, 0)$ .  $X$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ , and  $Y$  is the midpoint of  $AC$ . Prove  $\triangle XYZ$  is isosceles.

**4-9 Isosceles & equilateral triangles**

- (p 289) 12, 13-21 odd, 28, 30.
- 5B Ready to Go On pretest & posttests.